

**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

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In Application of:  
Florence GUIMBERTEAU *et al.*

Application No.: 10/522,252

Confirmation No.: 8812

Filed: February 15, 2006

Art Unit: 1618

For: ORAL PHARMACEUTICAL FORMULATION  
IN THE FORM OF A PLURALITY OF  
MICROCAPSULES FOR PROLONGED  
RELEASE OF ACTIVE PRINCIPLE(S) WITH  
LOW SOLUBILITY

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Examiner: N. Ebrahim

**AMENDMENT IN RESPONSE TO NON-FINAL OFFICE ACTION**

MS Amendment  
Commissioner for Patents  
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Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Dear Sirs,

**INTRODUCTORY COMMENTS**

This amendment is filed in response to the Office Action dated January 14, 2008, for which a response was due April 14, 2008. Applicants include with this response a Petition for Extension of Time under 37 C.F.R. § 1.136(a) for one month to extend the deadline to file this response to May 14, 2008. This Amendment is timely filed May 13, 2008.

**Amendments** to Claims begin on page 2 of this paper. By this response, Claim 18 is cancelled and Claim 16 is amended. Support for the claim amendments is found in the previously presented claims.

**Remarks/Arguments** begin on page 6 of this paper.